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(b) whether it is a fact that in the examination held in Kumbakonam on the 3rd December 1927 the Superintendent did not allow the candidates to do so; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to hold a re-examination or what steps the Government propose to take to redress the hardship caused to the candidates?

A.—(a) Candidates are allowed to insert the blank paper in their machines but not to type their names or the names of their machines.

(b) & (c) The Superintendent acted in accordance with the instructions issued for the conduct of the examination.

Farewell speech of Mr. Arthur Davies, late Principal of the Law College.

* 1527 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the speech of Mr. Arthur Davies, the late Principal of the Law College, at the farewell function given in his honour on the 10th of this month;

(b) whether, in view of the observations made by Mr. Arthur Davies, the question of cutting down the number of subjects in the present law curriculum will be considered; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to reduce the size of the classes in the Law College?

A.—(a) The Government have since perused the speech in question.

(b) The courses of instruction for the B.L. classes are arranged in accordance with the Regulations of the Madras University. The question whether any change should be made in the present curriculum of studies is one for the consideration of the University.

(c) Rule 15 of the rules regulating the constitution and working of the Law College provides that there shall be no fixed limit to the number of students to be admitted into any class and that admission shall be made by the selection committee with due regard to the accommodation and staff available for efficient instruction. There is at present no proposal to change the rule.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know whether the Government will draw the attention of the University to this matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Prevention of boys from smoking in school premises.

* 1528 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction had issued a few years ago a circular directing managers of schools to prevent boys from smoking in the school premises and, if so, whether a copy of it can be placed on the table of the House;